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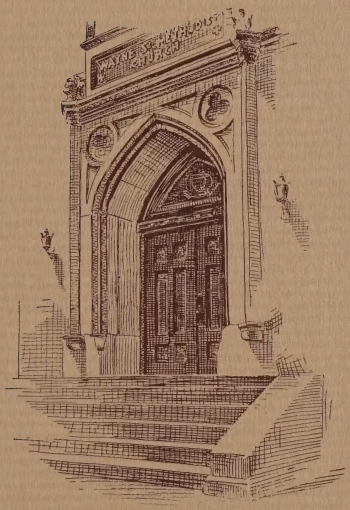

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Foreword

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

It is with humble hearts and a spirit of grateful appreciation that we of Wayne Street Methodist Church join in commemoration of our hundredth anniversary.

We are proud of our heritage, grateful that we ourselves have had the privilege of contributing our small part in the advancement of His Kingdom. We are grateful for the valiant souls who so nobly carried on in the establishment of our initial sanctuary; who laid the spiritual cornerstone which has served so well as a foundation for our first century of Christian service.

Now we are setting forth to carve out the pattern that will forever stand as the mark of our success or failure during the second century of Wayne Street Methodists. We are keenly aware of the grave responsibility that rests upon us one and all. We must not fail. And by the grace of God we shall not.

Father, we look to thee for strength, guidance and courage to help us as a church body to attain new glory for Thee and for Thy Kingdom. Amen.

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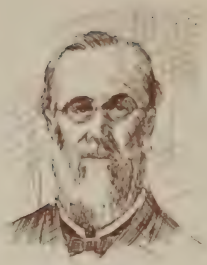

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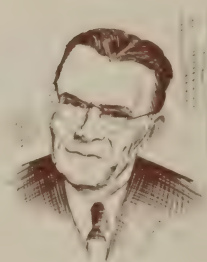

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1942-1947

U. S. A. Bridge
Minister Emeritus

Bishop Richard C. Raines
1948-

A. Wesley Pugh
Dist. Supt. 1949-

Edwin R. Garrison
1947-

History of Wayne Street Methodist Church

"Ask now of the days that are past."
Deuteronomy 4:32

In true Wesley tradition—first, the society, then the circuit, and last, the organized church—Methodism became established in Fort Wayne several years before any church building was erected.

Although early records do not fully agree on the beginnings of Fort Wayne Methodism, a history of Methodism in Fort Wayne written in 1901 by Alfred S. Johns seems to be the most authentic. Mr. Johns came to Fort Wayne January 10, 1837 with a wagonload of saddles and bridles to sell to the Indians, but he was so deeply impressed with the belief that Fort Wayne would be a place of importance that he decided to stay and grow up with the town.

From the very first he was an active member of the Methodist society which had grown up under the leadership of the Rev. James Holman, the first preacher to visit the vicinity of Fort Wayne. He came here in 1824 from Boston in Wayne County, Indiana, and lived in a log cabin on a farm located in that part of the settlement then known as Nebraska, near the place where the Nickel Plate Railroad now crosses the St. Mary's River. In this log cabin the Rev. Mr. Holman preached to the settlers of the community every Sunday.

But it was not until 1830 that Methodism was firmly established here. In that year Rev. Alexander Wiley, a presiding elder of the Ohio conference, came to Fort Wayne and organized a mission which formed a part of his district. Rev. Nehemiah B. Griffith was placed in charge of this little organization, known as the Maumee Mission.

Several places of worship were used until the first permanent building, the Berry Street Church, was erected in 1840 at the corner of Harrison and Berry Streets, site of the present Van Orman Hotel.

In the meantime, in 1834, an Indiana Methodist Conference had been formed with a Fort Wayne Circuit of which the Maumee Mission was the principal charge. This circuit started at Fort Wayne, extended west to South Bend, south to Logansport and back to Fort Wayne, so that it required two weeks to make the rounds.

"In the fall of 1849," writes Mr. Johns, "when Elder Cooper returned from Conference, he preached for us and surprised the congregation very much by announcing that the Conference had divided the church, Harrison Street being the dividing line." The members living west of this street were to form a new congregation while those living on the east side were to remain with the original group. The Berry Street Church had 217 members at this time.

Accordingly, he called a meeting of all west side members at the Methodist College Chapel for the following Sunday to organize. "The meeting was opened with prayer by the Elder, Mr. Samuel Stophlet was appointed recording secretary, and the following charter members were enrolled:

Mrs. Samuel Brenton
Mr. and Mrs. Amisa Johnston
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ayres
Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Filson
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lathrop
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stophlet
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huestis
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Johns
Mrs. Samuel Edsall
Mrs. Moses Jenkison
Mrs. J. P. Watters

"At a later meeting," writes Mr. Johns, "a committee was appointed to wait on the trustees of the Berry Street Church to arrange for dividing the church property." According to the records, lots at the corner of Webster and West Main were turned over to the new charge. These, in turn, were traded for two lots at Wayne and Broadway, owned by Robert Breckenridge, we learn from the deed recorded in the Allen County Court House August 19, 1850.

At another meeting six stewards were elected and a "building committee, consisting of D. P. Hartman, Samuel Stophlet and A. S. Johns, was appointed to solicit subscriptions and collect funds for a church 35 by 50 feet in size.

"The Elder procured the chapel of the Methodist Female College to hold services in until we could finish our church, which we succeeded in doing by the fall of 1850, when it was dedicated and the Rev. T. H. Sinex was sent as our minister."

This newly organized congregation was first known as West Charge but later changed its name to Wayne Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Fort Wayne Female College, in the chapel of which the congregation first met, was established by order of the Methodist Conference meeting at LaPorte, Indiana in September, 1846. It was located at the end of Wayne Street, facing College Street, on property donated for that purpose by William Rockhill. In 1852, young men were admitted and it was thereafter commonly known as the Methodist College. In 1854, 256 were enrolled, 97 of whom were young men.

In later years this college was reorganized and moved to Upland, Indiana, where it is known as Taylor University.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the minister in charge at the start of this new congregation in 1849. The name of F. A. Conwell, who has sometimes been so listed, does not appear on the North Indiana Conference records. Mr. Johns states that Elder Cooper appointed Samuel Brenton to this position and this seems logical as the Rev. Mr. Brenton had just retired as presiding Elder of the Fort Wayne District and was teaching in the Methodist Female College of which he became president in 1853. Mr. Brenton, a Whig and an ardent opponent of slavery, served in Congress from 1851 until his death in 1857.

In 1871, during the time that M. H. Mendenhall was serving as our pastor, a new commodious brick building was built on the site of the old frame church and today still serves as our auditorium. The inscription on the cornerstone to be seen at the northwest corner reads:

"Wayne Street Methodist Episcopal Church
Cornerstone laid June 11, A.D. 1871."

This was entered from Wayne Street only and the pulpit was located at the south side of the room. There were two aisles but three rows of seats—one against the east wall, one against the west wall and a row between the two aisles. At that time there was a strip of ground about eight feet wide between the church and the parsonage, and a similar strip on Broadway, which was enclosed by an iron fence.

There were no separate classrooms for the Sunday School so they all met in the church auditorium. According to the minutes of the North Indiana Conference for 1871, the number enrolled in the Sunday School was only 150, but even so, there must have been much confusion and noise.

In 1896 the church was remodeled and enlarged. The west wall was extended to meet the parsonage wall and this furnished space for the organ, the choir loft and the church office. It also provided a direct entrance between the church and the parsonage. The pulpit was moved from the south to the west side. On the east an extension was made to the sidewalk and provided the entrances from Broadway as well as additional seating space along the east wall under the new balcony. The floor was elevated, new seats put in, and a Sunday School addition built to the south.

Dr. C. H. Payne of New York City dedicated the church on February 28, 1897, and Harrison M. Wild of Chicago inaugurated the new organ with a concert on March 1.

In an editorial in "Our Methodist Paper" for March, 1897, the editor and pastor, Rev. H. W. Bennett, comments as follows: "When we began the reconstruction of our buildings there were many prayers that no workman should be injured in the work upon them. No one has been injured. There was a concert of prayer for the success of our services and appeal on dedication day. Though we needed a large amount, all were surprised that the amount subscribed ex-

Church and Sanctuary
Erected in 1871

Church and Sanctuary
Remodeled 1896

ceeded the amount asked by about $5,000.00. The success of the day was phenomenal. Dr. Payne confesses that he never had such an experience before. So God in His own way has brought it to pass, and we rejoice in feeling that it was His work and His leading."

According to the deed recorded in 1912, a half lot on the west side of the parsonage extending the entire length back to the alley was purchased from Clara S. Croxton for $3500.00. The house on this lot was sold for $290.00 and the ground filled in and sodded, thereby adding much to the appearance of the property.

At the turn of the century the Methodist Conferences were advocating increased social activities and more recreation in the churches in order, no doubt, to attract and hold the young people. Because of these trends and also because of the need for more room in which to take care of the growing enrollment and expanded program of the Sunday School, in 1922 the old Sunday School building was torn down and the present Church School Auditorium with its classrooms, gymnasium and kitchen was built, occupying the same space, but extending farther to the west across the end of the lot that had been acquired by the church in 1912.

Late in 1938, under the inspiration of the pastor, Dr. E. Burns Martin, the congregation voted to remodel the sanctuary in order to modernize and beautify it. The old organ was rebuilt, the seats were rearranged to make more room and the center aisle was widened. This aisle leads to the altar and the cross, with the organ and choir on both sides. The walls were redecorated, new lights were installed and the front stairs leading to the balcony on each side were removed. We now have a church seating about 800, with one of the most attractive sanctuaries in the city. Plans for this expansion program were consummated during the pastorate of J. F. Porter.

Plans conceived by Dr. B. Brooks Shake, while serving as our pastor, were developed and carried out in November, 1947, when a new parsonage was purchased at 242 East Maple Grove Avenue. During the summer following, the former parsonage was furnished and redecorated by the Women's Society of Christian Service at a cost of over $1000.00. It was christened "Wesley House" and now affords ample and exceedingly attractive rooms for teas, class parties and meetings of various church groups. It also serves as classrooms on Sunday morning for those of high school age and above.

The Wayne Street Church has thus in the past century acquired property valued today at $200,000.00 and a parsonage at $20,000.00—completely free from debt.

Wayne Street Church In a Changing World

"Times change and we must change with them," wrote Cicero over two thousand years ago. The program of a church adapted to people living a simple life in the vicinity of the church must necessarily be very different from that needed today by people whose lives are very complex and whose homes are often several miles away. That Wayne Street Church has tried to meet this challenge of a changing world is evidenced from the following data.

The church program, as outlined in "Our Methodist Paper" for March, 1907, was as follows:

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.	Class Meeting
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:45 A.M.	Public Worship
2:30 P.M.	Bible History Study
3:30 P.M.	Junior Epworth League
6:30 P.M.	Epworth League
7:30 P.M.	Public Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P.M.	Midweek Services

Today our Sunday services are listed as:

9:15 A.M.	First Worship Service and Sunday School for children under 12
10:00 A.M.	Sunday School for Youth and Adults
10:45 A.M.	Second Worship Service
6:30 P.M.	Methodist Youth Fellowship

While we have no regularly scheduled midweek service there are, during the winter months several study classes conducted by the W. S. C. S. and regular monthly meetings of the Men's Club, St. Cecelia Circle and of Adult Sunday School classes, during which projects are planned and carried out for Christ's work at home and abroad, and which at the same time afford a means of social intercourse and recreation.

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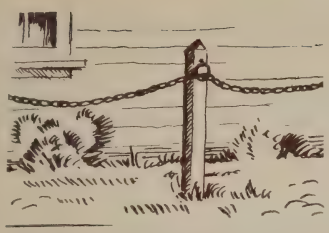
The first organ installed in 1871 had to be pumped by hand by the janitor, concealed behind a curtain; our Hilgreen-Lane organ now in use is very modern and one of the finest in the city. Until 1938 the music for church services was furnished by a paid quartette—first by male quartettes and then a mixed one. Today we have three choirs made up of members of our own church—the Senior Choir, the Chapel or High School Choir, and the Eton or Children's Choir.



Most of us have probably forgotten that there was ever any means of transportation other than the bus or automobile for those living some distance from the church, but in the minutes of the Official Board Meeting for March 12, 1901, we find these words, "The question of putting a chain through the hitching posts to prevent the horses from spoiling the lawn around the church was discussed and referred to the custodian."

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The growth of Wayne Street Church is indicated by the following facts:

In the statistics reported at the North Indiana Conference held at the Berry Street Church in April, 1862, we find that the membership had increased to 116 with 31 probationers. (In those days one had to be on probation for six months before he could be taken into full membership.) The church building was valued at $3500.00 and the parsonage at $1800.00.

At the conference held in Logansport in 1873, the membership was 194 with 4 probationers. The church property was now valued at $25,000.00 and the parsonage at $7,000.00.

In April, 1910, the membership had grown to 575 and the budget was estimated at from $4,000.00 to $5,000.00. Today we have 1280 members and our budget is $35,079.00.

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In the beginning there was evidently one missionary organization to which every member was supposed to contribute because in the Conference minutes for 1863 the names of those contributing were listed together with the amount, ranging from 50c to $5.00. "Our Methodist Paper" for March, 1897, records the meeting of a Woman's Foreign and a Woman's Home Missionary Society. It also states, "The ladies have organized for work. They have assigned all the ladies to one of ten sections into which they have divided the membership." This no doubt was the forerunner of the Ladies' Aid Society, later called the Woman's League. In September, 1940, as provided by the Uniting Conference in 1939, in which the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church were united under the name of the Methodist Church, the two missionary societies and the Woman's League were reorganized into the one Woman's Society of Christian Service (W. S. C. S.). This at present is divided into ten circles plus a Wesleyan Service Guild for young employed women which has a membership of approximately 45. This W. S. C. S. last year contributed $2,819.00 for missions and $3,100.00 for local work.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wayne Street Church has been honored four times with having been the nost for the North Indiana Conference: in 1874, 1916, 1928 and 1941.

Among the men who have gone forth from our church into the ministry can be named (1) the Rev. Lewis O. Hartman, for many years editor of the Zion's Herald, who was made a bishop in 1944 and served until his retirement in 1948.

(2) the Rev. Manford C. Wright, of the North Indiana Conference, and (3) the Rev. Harley T. Shady, who entered the ministry in 1930.

Margaret Carver (Ernsberger), a member of our church during her girlhood and until graduation from Ohio Wesleyan, was sent in 1899 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as a missionary to India, where she served for 40 years.

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During World War II, 131 of our members entered the service, four of whom, Harold A. Todd, Jr., Earl E. Reeves, Jr., Aubrey Stowell and Arthur Markley, made the supreme sacrifice. Our pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Benedict, was called as a Reserve Officer and served in the army as Chaplain with the rank of Captain not only in this country but also in Europe for several years.

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In the four-year plan of "The Crusade for Christ" we oversubscribed our quota for Relief and Rehabilitation; during the year of Evangelism we added many new members; our Sunday School accepted and met the challenge to increase its total enrollment by 36%; a great deal of emphasis was and still is placed on stewardship.

This year we shall finish paying our quota of $4,392.00 ($1,644.00 for each of the years 1948, '49 and '50) for the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund.

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The "Advance Fund for Christ and His Church," a new four-year project, set up by the General Conference in 1948, is still being organized. This calls upon the church to raise by purely voluntary methods a special fund over and above what we are already giving to Foreign Missions, to Home Missions and Church Extension, and to Overseas Relief. A number of projects have already been started to aid in the relief of German pastors and their families, in the expansion of the work of the church, both here and overseas, and in the rebuilding of churches destroyed during the war. This new project involves not only a program of study of our faith, but also a program of action.

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In November, 1948 we were honored by having Bishop Sommers, of Germany, address a large audience at a banquet in our gymnasium, sponsored by our Methodist Youth Fellowship. As a result the young people are now contributing to the support of needy German pastors.

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In February, 1949, Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, pastor of the Methodist Church in Hiroshima, which was destroyed by the atom bomb, visited us and spoke at our morning services. Our congregation has made a generous contribution toward the rebuilding of that church.

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Our Boy Scout Troop 12 was organized in April, 1917 by Gilbert Wilson and is next to the oldest troop in the city. At one time another, Troop 15, was led by Harry Kline. Now there are 32 members in Troop 12, of whom 14 are Explorer or Senior Scouts, led by Wayne Henderson, and we also have two Cub Packs with a membership of 45.

Our White Cross Guild, which has a membership of 72, sews the third Friday of each month at the Methodist Hospital. It organized and has charge of the Library Service there also. Last year as its principal project it fitted up a room in the hospital with drapes, venetian blinds, floor lamps, chairs and bed tables for the use of nurses when they need rest or are hospitalized.

* * *

As we look back and consider the rich heritage of our past, we naturally wonder what the next one hundred years will mean for Wayne Street Church. If we continue to have the same enthusiasm and to use the same energy and God-given talents that our predecessors had and made use of, who can foretell what the influence of Wayne Street will be? Just how much our church will mean to the community will depend not upon the pastors alone, nor upon a few, but upon all of us. Let us now gird ourselves for active service and resolve that with God's help and guidance we will make our church a force for good in the community and in whatever place we can be of help.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

One is honored to stand in the succession of pastors who have ministered to Wayne Street Church and it is a pleasure to join in this Centennial celebration.

There is a continual change of cells in the human body so that in the course of years it becomes completely new, yet the personality abides. So the passing years witness a complete change in the membership of a church. Whether the "personality" abides depends upon the degree to which the new generation catches the spirit of the older generation and with equal enthusiasm follows Jesus.

Jesus chided Jews who boasted that they had Abraham for their father. Complacent pride in God-fearing ancestors is not enough. As they served God in their day we must serve him in ours. They acknowledged themselves to be sinners whose only hope was in the gracious love of God. We must begin there too. And if we confess Him as they did, He will bless us in our day as He blessed them in their day.

Edwin R. Garrison

Wesley House Parlors

Minister's Study

Gymnasium

Wayne

The Sanctuary

Annex and Sunday School Rooms

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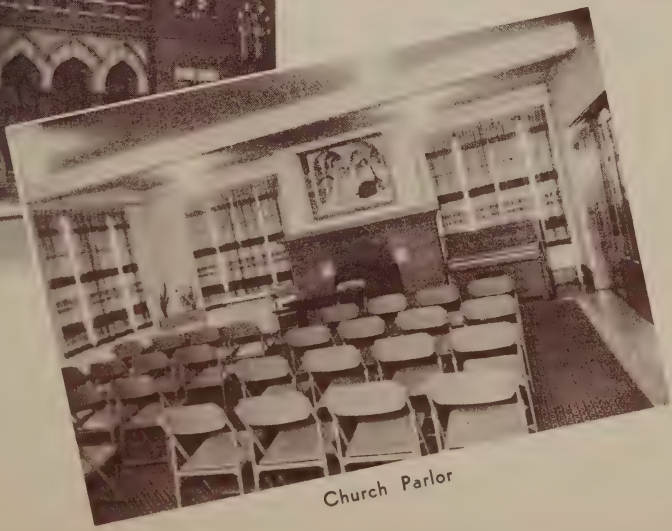

Church Parlor

List of Ministers

Serving Wayne Street Methodist Church

Samuel Brenton.....1849
T. H. Linex.....1850
R. B. Robinson.....1851
F. A. Hardin.....1852
J. A. Beswick.....1853
H. B. Beers.....1854
A. S. Kinnan.....1855-1856
F. A. Sale.....1857
L. Dale.....1858
C. Martindale.....1859-1860
M. H. Mendenhall.....1861-1862
R. Toby.....1863-1865
W. F. Hemenway.....1866-1867
J. T. Iddings.....1868-1869
M. H. Mendenhall.....1870-1872
H. J. Meck.....1873
A. Marine.....1874-1875
R. N. McKaig.....1876-1878
A. E. Mahin.....1879-1881
C. G. Hudson.....1882
W. O. Pierce.....1883
A. W. Lamport.....1884-1885
F. G. Browne.....1886-1887
R. M. Barnes.....1888-1890
G. N. Eldridge.....1891-1894
J. H. Bickford.....1895
H. W. Bennett.....1896-1897
W. D. Parr.....1898-1900
A. S. Preston.....1901-1905
M. E. Nethercut.....1906
Frank Lenig.....1907-1908
C. Claud Travis.....1909-1917
J. F. Porter.....1918-1921
H. C. Harmon.....1922-1925
R. R. Detweiler.....1926-1929
William E. Clark.....1929-1932
Ernest C. Wareing.....1932-1933
E. Burns Martin.....1933-1940
Paul L. Benedict.....1940-1942
B. Brooks Shake.....1942-1947
Edwin R. Garrison.....1947-

Membership of Wayne Street Methodist Church as of October 7, 1949

Please note children who have not been baptized are not listed.

Adair, Mrs. Mae M.
Adkins, Mrs. Lloyd
James Montgomery
Aker, Mrs. Harriett
Allison, Mrs. Florence D.
Altschul, Mrs. C. S.
Anderson, Miss Beverly L.
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil C., Jr.
Dennis Keith
Andreen, Mrs. Marion
Armstrong, Miss Mary
Asbury, Taylor
Ashman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl R.
Judith Ann
Martha Marilyn
William Carl
Ashman, Mr. and Mrs. George
George Christopher
Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Jr.
Auer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
Dan
David

Baade, Lillian Holmes
Baiden, Mrs. Bruce
Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert
Elizabeth Anne
Baker, Mrs. Harry E.
Richard
Barber, Miss Gertrude
Barker, Dan Edward
Ted Alan
Barnes, Miss Myrtle
Barnes, Sandra May
Barrows, Mrs. Bertha
Bean, Miss Helen
Bechtel, Lulu
Beck, Mrs. Stanleigh
Becker, Mrs. Anna
Beeler, Mr. and Mrs. George
Mary Elizabeth
George Raymond, Jr.
Pauline
Beeler, Mr. Gene A.
Bell, Marilyn Maxine
Richard Paul
Thomas Robert
Bennett, Mrs. Ester Lee
Barbara Jeanne
Charlotte
Norma Carroll
Bennett, Mrs. Melvina
Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar
Berkley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren
Edward Leon
Marcia Lee
Robert Warren
Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Oakly
Betty
Biedenweg, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.
Blackledge, Mrs. William C.
David W.
Robert D.
Blazer, Albert
Ernest, Jr.
Eugene
Bland, Larry Charles
Marilyn Joyce
Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Alton
Alton Dale
Marlene Suzan
Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. A. Everett
Allen
Bruce
Louis
Blosser, Mrs. H. V.
Blume, George
Bobeck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Duane
Bohling, Mrs. Mary Louise
Stephen Charles
Bollman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G.
Charles
Boltz, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
Alan
Janet Ann
Bond, Mrs. Frank D.
Bond, Mr. and Mrs. George C.
Addie Lee
Peter Martin
Bowen, Mrs. Carl W.
Glenna Ruth
Braun, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H.
Braungart, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar
Braungart, Robert Kay, Jr.
Brawthen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Daryl
Brayer, Susan
Bridge, Dr. and Mrs. U. S. A.
Gail
Brinkman, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton R.
William John
Brittin, Mr. and Mrs. James
Barbara
Norma
Brown, Besse
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jay M.
Brown, Mrs. Lourie E.
Ray
Wayne
Brubaker, Miss Lee
Bruner, Sadonia
Bryson, C. B.
Helyn
Buhl, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.
Burke, Barbara
Burns, Mrs. Walter G.
Burton, Mrs. Helene
Nancy Louise
Sarah Ann
Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan
Barbara
Constance Luella
Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest
Richard R.
Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll L.
Patricia Jane
Susan Elaine
Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Darce
James C.
Kenneth L.
Robert F.
Campetti, Mrs. Mary L.
Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W.
Carey, Mrs. Lester P.
Carlson, Mrs. Lee
John
Carr, Miss Isabelle M.
Carrell, Misses Edith and Edna
Cartwright, Mrs. Emor
Case, Mr. and Mrs. James
Cassady, Patricia I.
Chambers, Sally
Chapman, Geraldine
Childers, Mr. and Mrs. A. B.
Robert
Clark, Mrs. Charles
Clark, Mrs. Blanche
Coar, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Coblentz, Mrs. Anna M.
Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C.
Coblentz, Robert
Cockrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L.
Coil, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D.
David
William
Collier, Miss Eileen
Collins, Miss Jean
Connett, Mrs. Eva D.
Connett, Miss E. Selina
Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Judith
Richard H., II
Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Sam
Cook, Mrs. Walter E.
Cookerly, Mr. and Mrs. L. E.
Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W.
Cynthia Louvonne
Thomas Cameron
Cooper, Mrs. P. W.
Richard
Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E.
Coverdale, Herbert
Cox, Dr. and Mrs. B. A.
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We are all proud of Wayne Street Methodist Church; proud of its accomplishments. It is the center of our religious and social activities. Its influence is so firmly imbedded into the very fibre of our existence that no trend of events or circumstances could ever completely remove it as a factor for good in our lives.

At the start of a new century in our church history it is only natural that we should give serious consideration to the part each of us as members may have in helping to expand and perpetuate its influence. We have church property with a present-day value of approximately a quarter of a million dollars. We have a membership of twelve hundred and eighty-four souls. Making these factors work to the greatest spiritual benefits presents a worthwhile challenge.

Aware of the earnest desire of many of our members to leave to the church bequests or endowments so that its spiritual influence may continue to grow, our trustees have caused to be drawn up in legal form rules and regulations for the establishment of a trust agreement known as The Wayne Street Methodist Church Foundation. The affairs of this trust will be under the supervision of the church board of trustees who, in turn, are required to report annually to Wayne Street Quarterly Conference. Already endowments and bequests totaling approximately thirty-five thousand dollars have been made.

Members wishing to remember Wayne Street Methodist Church in their wills may specify how they want the bequest to be used. It may be endowed to a specific purpose, such as missionary work, the education of our younger members who wish to study for the ministry, the expansion of the Church or Sunday School program. Or it may be left to the general fund with stipulation that the principal be held intact and only the interest used.

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Centennial Program

October 30 to November 13, 1949

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Titus Lowe
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Bishop
Lewis O. Hartman
Boston, Mass.

Bishop
Richard C. Raines
Indiana Area

Roland Hayes
Tenor

Bishop
Fred P. Corson
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:45 A.M.

Bishop Titus Lowe, Centennial guest speaker.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:15 P.M.

Centennial banquet, family night and reception for former pastors. Bishop Lewis O. Hartman, guest speaker.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 10:45 A.M.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, Centennial guest speaker.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 8:00 P.M.

"A Century Together"—Centennial pageant dramatically portraying the history of Wayne Street Methodist Church.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 8:30 P.M.

Concert by Roland Hayes, internationally famous tenor.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 10:45 A.M.

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Centennial guest speaker.

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